



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: DEVICE AND A PROCESS FOR THE ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicant submits the present Amendment in response to the Office Action dated May 31, 1995.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-33 and 35-39.

Add the following claims.

40. A process for the isolation and purification of nucleic acids, in particular, plasmid or genomic DNA, from cells comprising the steps of:

a) digesting the cells containing nucleic acids, removing cell debris and thereafter subjecting the nucleic acids to anion exchange against an anion exchanger in a first buffer solution, which has a low ionic strength,

b) desorbing the nucleic acids from the anion exchanger using a second buffer solution, which has a higher ionic strength than the first buffer solution,